

HIS HEAD BLOWN OFF.

A Terrible Accident at a Down-the-River Oil Well.

A NITRO-GLYCERINE EXPLOSION

From a Mysterious Cause, cuts a Man's Head in Two and Collapses a Boiler, which is First thought to have Exploded—Other Serious Accidents.

There was a fatal and shocking accident at the well of the Victor Oil company in the Archer's Fork field, in Ohio, yesterday, resulting in the death of one man and the injury of the boiler used in drilling. Mr. E. L. Rose, of this city, and his brother from New York, are two of the leading stockholders of the Victor company, and they went down to the well yesterday to see how operations were coming on. The well had been shot the day before, and the glycerine used had been put in a barrel surrounded by warm water to thaw it out. After inspecting things to their satisfaction the Messrs. Rose left the well and started to drive to Newport, on the river, about seven miles from the well, which is on the Ward farm.

After they had driven about a mile and a half the two men heard a terrific explosion in the direction of the well, and feared that the boiler had exploded, and a little while after a man from the well came running after them and said that this was the case, and that A. F. Downing, the lease boss of the company, had had his head blown off by the explosion.

The Messrs. Rose returned to the place, and there found that the boiler, though intact, had been dinged in from the outside, showing that it was something else which had exploded.

Downing was found lying near where a barrel of water in which the nitro-glycerine had been thawed, had been standing. The barrel had entirely disappeared, and where it stood was a huge hole in the ground. Downing was dead, his head being cut off as clean as if by a guillotine, about at the line of the eyes.

The only explanation of the accident is that the glycerine had leaked in the barrel, and that something thrown in or against the barrel had caused it to go off in the water. The can in which the explosive was seen to be leaking when taken from the barrel and carried to the well.

Near the well in a fence corner were ten or twelve cans of nitro-glycerine without any protection. Had any debris struck this it would have had force enough in exploding to blow up two or three counties.

Downing's remains were viewed by the coroner and prepared for burial. His home is believed to have been in Pennsylvania, and he was related to Mr. J. D. Downing, of Eldridge, Pa., a well known operator in the McDonald and other fields. Telegrams were sent to Pittsburgh and to Eldridge last night asking what disposition should be made of the remains.

There is often heard denunciation of the carelessness of persons who handle explosives about oil wells, but all the accidents that happen do not seem to have the effect of curing them of their recklessness.

FATALITY AT BENWOOD.

A Well Known Young Man Dangerously Hurt by a fall from a Horse.

What is likely to prove a fatal accident occurred at Benwood yesterday morning. As Peter Dolan, a well known and highly respected young man, was coming up Water street near Sprout's saloon on horseback, the horse he was riding shied and the saddle slipped, throwing the young man, and causing his head to strike against a rail which extended beyond the fence. The force of the blow caused the blood to flow copiously from his eyes, ears, nose and mouth.

He was carried home and physicians were summoned, who at the first examination thought the skull had been crushed. Subsequent examination showed that the skull was intact, but it cannot be ascertained whether the brain is injured.

The young man is perfectly conscious and will to-day be removed to Wheeling hospital, that he may have the care of Dr. Ackermann, as Dr. Hinkins, the attending physician, leaves for Bellevue hospital, New York.

Dolan is a brother of Tim B. Dolan, of this city, and is well known and well liked in Wheeling as well as in Benwood.

Hurt While Coupling Cars.

Yesterday when the motor came out of the Elm Grove railway company's barn on Sixteenth street to be hitched to the train leaving the city at 12 o'clock, Harry Shanley was standing near, and he offered to make the coupling. He stepped between the motor and the car to do so, and just as the two came together he slipped in some way and fell partly to the ground, so that his shoulders and breast were squeezed pretty severely between the engine and car. He was removed to his home, suffering considerably pain, and Dr. Taylor was summoned. He found no bones broken, and gave it as his opinion that the worst injury Shanley had sustained was a pretty severe bruising up. He will be laid up for several days, but will not, it is thought, suffer any grave consequences.

Its First Kiln of Ware.

On next Monday the Ohio Valley Pottery company expects to have finished the first kiln of new ware made under the new management. For some time past the hands have been busily engaged in glazing the old ware and finishing it up to be burnt. The kiln to be removed Monday will be entirely new ware.

The inflammation attending a severe cold can be conquered without fail, and the cold can be cured by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, the standard remedy of the age. Price 25 cts. At all dealers.

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Louis Handel, Florist, No. 66 Twelfth street, will have a fine lot of Orchids, Roses, Carnations, Lilies of the Valley, Calla and Harems Lilies, Narcissus and Hyacinths.

Strawberry Hams. Strawberry Hams have become a household word in this city and wherever they have been sold.

Get buttons from Jacob W. Grubb.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and about the City.

The Grand this evening—"Me and Jack."

MARY VANDYNE was released from jail yesterday on the payment of her fine.

OFFICER FROUME last night locked up Amos Dittman, a cigarmaker, charged with disorderly conduct.

THE last will and testament of John Mueller was yesterday admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

A PRIVATE dance will be given this evening by the Teutonia singing society at its hall on South Jacob street.

THE Wheeling Conservatory of Music will re-open the first of next week. New classes will be formed on Saturday, January 2.

THE Monarch fishing club will give a grand ball this evening at Westwood's hall. Prizes will be given to the best waltzers.

A MARRIAGE license was yesterday issued to Christian May, a widower, aged 68, and Eliza Jane Marple, aged 56, both of Wheeling.

CIRCUIS people are already looking ahead. Representatives of Baraun's show called on Clerk Thomer yesterday inquiring about the cost of a license.

YESTERDAY'S police court showed up with two cases, John Cannon and Joseph Aaron being accused of fighting. The mayor assessed them \$2 and costs each.

THOMAS O'BRIEN was yesterday appointed administrator of the estate of Mary A. Jamison, deceased, who gave bond in the sum of \$30,000, the Wheeling Title and Trust company being surety.

MAY WILLIAM'S house of ill-fame was raided again last night by Officers Carney, Wilkie, Buch, Creighton, Desmond and Dunn, and May, three girls and one man arrested. All were locked up but one girl who was left to take care of the house.

THE meeting this evening at the Evangelistic Hall will be conducted by the ladies of the W. C. T. U. The exercises will consist of several addresses, music and recitations. Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Riker will be present and sing. Everybody is invited and is assured of a good time.

THE Epworth league of the German M. E. church will give a musical and literary entertainment at the church on New Year's evening. A pleasing programme has been arranged and will be rendered by some of the leading talent of the league. All friends of the organization are cordially invited to attend.

IF the Pittsburgh Natural Gas company has any gas worth talking about they can get the use of pipes in this city and a good round price for their product. But at Wheeling an exclusive right will probably bar them out unless at great cost. Things of this kind would be easier in this city.—Bellaire Independent.

ON Tuesday afternoon an Italian was shot out of one of Paige, Cary & Co.'s wagons, while going up Seventeenth street, turned a somersault in the air and alighted on the pavement on the broadest portion of his anatomy, hallooing "Whoa," while revolving in space. He was none the worse for wear, and clambered back into the wagon.

At a regular meeting held by Philo Council, No. 98, National Union, the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing term: President, Charles Morningstar; vice president, John C. Medick; ex-president, S. W. Ellsworth; speaker, G. W. Weisgerber; secretary, G. H. Medick; financial secretary, H. F. Nolte; treasurer, F. H. Crago; chaplain, H. C. Braimer; usher, Harry Ratcliffe; sergeant-at-arms, Antoine Welsh; doorkeeper, Victor Walk; trustees, S. L. Brice, S. W. Ellsworth and August Ney; medical examiner, Dr. H. C. Brannen, and J. N. Weidner, deputy.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

D. S. Manning, of Parkersburg, was here yesterday.

Miss Bridget O'Connor and Miss Sonie Kraft will go to Pittsburgh to-day.

D. S. Hammond, of Williamstown, was at the McLure House yesterday.

Miss Dora Holloway, of Canton, O., is visiting Miss Janie Good, on Fourteenth street.

Mrs. Leach, of South Woods street, is confined to the house with an attack of the grip.

Mrs. Kratz, the mother of William Kratz, the contractor, is afflicted with the grip.

Miss Sue Little, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. Thomas Burke, on Chapline street.

Miss Tillie Schenk, of the Island, is visiting friends at Grape Island, Pleasant county.

Dr. S. H. Emmons and Newton W. Emmons, of Youngwood, Pa., are at the McLure house.

Mr. T. F. Birch, of Washington, Pa., a brother of Professor J. M. Birch, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Lizzie Campbell last night entertained friends in honor of Mr. and Mrs. S. Ott Carothers.

Judge R. H. Cochran got back from his home at Toledo yesterday, having spent Christmas there.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Venneman will leave for Pittsburgh to-day, to visit some friends of Mrs. Venneman.

J. W. Dunlevy and the Misses Etta and Lizzie Dunlevy, of Cameron, dined at the Stamm House yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Boyd arrived home last evening from Washington, D. C., and the south, via the Baltimore & Ohio road.

Mr. Dave Brooks is very ill with the typhoid fever at his home in East Wheeling, and his friends are becoming uneasy.

Miss Essie Lewis, of Pittsburgh, is in the city to attend the Kelly-Hubbard wedding, and is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. J. Jones.

Capt. Jack Matthews, the popular traveling man who has long been representing Joseph Speidel & Co., has retired from the road.

Charles McFadden and wife, of Titusville, Pa., are spending the holidays with his father, J. D. McFadden, on Eoff street, South Side.

J. E. Hines, of Eureka, J. S. Evans, of Cameron, F. M. Haymond, Allison N. Fleming and Fred Jones, of Fairmont, registered yesterday at the Belvoir.

J. M. Snodgrass and Amos Sunde, of Point Pleasant, and P. J. Sommerfeld, of Piedmont, were among the West Virginians at the St. Charles hotel yesterday.

Miss Annie B. Ewing, a teacher in the Second ward school, left Monday night at 10:30 via the Baltimore & Ohio to spend the holidays with friends in Indiana.

Mrs. Dr. John L. Dickey, nee Reed, of Wheeling, W. Va., is a visitor with relatives in this place.—Miss Todd Baird, daughter of the late Dr. George Baird, of Wheeling, is the guest of friends and relatives in town.—Washington, Pa., Journal.

A MAN BADLY BEATEN.

In May Williams's House Yesterday Morning Early.

WARRANTS FOR THE ASSAILANTS

Issued last Night—They are two Notorious Ex-Officials, but the Facts as to the Assault are Various and Related by Different Persons.

Yesterday morning at an early hour a girl came to the police headquarters laboring under great excitement, and said that a man had been shamefully beaten up at May Williams's house of ill-fame, on Eoff street. Officers were sent down to the house, but there was only one girl there, and she was asleep and dead drunk, to all appearances, and nothing could be learned from her by the most persistent effort. The girl who first brought the intelligence to headquarters also refused to say who had done the beating. She was doubtless afraid to tell.

Officers watched the house for several hours, and then saw ex-Chief of Police Louis Delbrugge and ex-Officer John Short come from another house and go into the Williams house, with two women.

Yesterday morning there were a number of sensational versions of the affair afloat. It was learned that the man who was beaten up was Ad Moos, a well known drummer, representing the house of Sachs-Pruden, in Dayton, brewers and manufacturers of fancy drinks. The police looked for him all day without avail, but last night he was found in the Second ward. He said that he had met a girl at the Opera House, and had gone with her to Williams's house. While there he happened to sit down beside May Williams on a sofa, and put his arm around her. While sitting so Captain Delbrugge came in, and accosted him with oaths, inquired what he was doing, but without waiting for an explanation, hit Moos once or twice. Short, who followed Delbrugge, also struck him. He had no clear recollection as to what followed, but he was very badly beaten up.

A policeman was detailed to see that Moos was not approached by anybody in the interest of the assailants, and warrants were then sworn out before Clerk Fee, of the police court, for the two men. The house where the beating was done was raided last night in hope that the offenders might be there, but they were not caught.

It is reported that Moos's injuries are extremely serious.

THE FEAST OF CHANUKA.

Enjoyable Entertainment by the Pupils of the Jewish Sunday School.

At Franzheim's hall last evening a good crowd gathered to hear the performance by the pupils of Rabbi B. A. Bonnheim's Sunday school in celebration of the feast of Chanuka. A very interesting programme was rendered in a thoroughly creditable manner, the performance being made up as follows:

1. Kindling of Lights.....By the Boys
2. Chanuka Song.....By the Choir
3. Recitation by the following pupils:
Harry Van Borch, Herbert Sonneborn, Josie Blum, Charlie Sonneborn, Bernhard Horckheimer, Eugene Kline, Gordon Feenberg, Edwin Kline, Leon Jacobs, Jesse Van Borch, Sammy Jacobs, Herbert Horckheimer, Lillie Frank, Irma Kraft, Fannie Horckheimer, Bettebeth Kline, Blanche Kline, Grace Kline.
A song by Elsie Gundling, Bessie Enshelmer, Joseph Kraft, Stella Enshelmer, Bernhard Bonnheim, Jesse Speyer, Edward Horckheimer, Gustave Bonnheim.

DIALOGUES.
a. "Smart Answer of the Captain's Daughter." Elwood Horckheimer.....Captain Cecil Baer.....First Passenger Saul Franke.....Second Passenger Milton Kline.....Third Passenger Pearl Frank.....Captain's Daughter b. "The Mysterious Guest."
Herlie Baer.....Ian Keeper Benjie Horckheimer.....Mysterious Guest David Speyer.....Porter

c. "A Court Scene."
Arthur Kline.....Judge Herlie Baer.....Attorney Warren Frank.....Witness Milton Kline.....Police Officer Mamie Steinhauser.....Prisoner

After this programme was presented to the delight of the large audience, the floors were cleared and those who desired danced to music on the piano by Albert Adler. All the music in the city usually available for dances seemed to be otherwise engaged last night, and Mr. Adler kindly volunteered to help the party out.

To Make It Water-Proof.

A contract was made last night by which the arch of the Main street bridge is to be covered before the masonry superstructure is put on with a coating of asphalt. The contract was made with Mr. John S. T. Winans, representing George L. Peabody, of Pittsburgh, and the coating to be given the bridge will cost from \$2,500 to \$3,000. The material to be used is the highest grade Neuchatel rock asphalt, which has stood the test of use. Over the whole arch and so much of the wing walls as are over the first stones of the arch will be put first two inches of hot composition binder, and on this in one sheet without break or seams five-eighths inch of the asphalt. The shipping of the material and appliances for the work will begin to-day, and not later than to-morrow the work of putting it on will be begun. It is thought the job can be completed in ten days. This is warranted to render the arch absolutely impervious to moisture, and will therefore render it the more durable.

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NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stage of Water and Movements of Boats, The River Yesterday.

The river was stationary yesterday, with 13 feet of water in the channel. A rise of two or three feet is expected to-day.

The reports from above were: Morgantown—7 feet 10 inches and rising; cloudy and cool.

Brownsville—10 feet and rising; clear and cool.

The Lizzie Bay left for Charleston yesterday at 6 a. m.—The Ben Hur got away for Parkersburg at 11:30 a. m.—The Batchelor passed up for Pittsburgh at 2 p. m. She will lie over a week for repairs.

The Scotia will pass up for Pittsburgh at 6 a. m. today.—At 8 a. m. the Bedford will leave for the same port.—The Hudson is the Cincinnati packet and will get away for her destination at 8 a. m.—The Courier will leave for Parkersburg at 11:30 a. m.

A PROMINENT MAN DEAD.

Capt. Jack Adams Passes Away After a Prolonged Illness of Rheumatism.

Capt. A. J. Adams, until recently night clerk at the Hotel Windsor, a position he was forced to resign on account of illness, died at his boarding house on Sixteenth street yesterday morning of inflammatory rheumatism. He had not been in robust health for a long time, and was confined to his bed for a week or more.

Captain Adams was widely known and much liked by those who knew him best. He came to Wheeling a good many years ago. He was for some time employed as a clerk in the INTELLIGENCER office, and was for several years a route mail agent on the river steamers when they were the sole mail routes between river points. He was appointed a clerk in the postoffice by C. J. Rawling when he was postmaster, was retained by Colonel Hugh Sterling when he came into office, and so efficient was he as a clerk that when the office passed into Democratic hands with Robert Simpson as postmaster, he still kept him in his position for a long time. Since retiring from the postoffice he has held the position of night clerk at the Windsor, and has filled it acceptably, too.

Mr. Adams was married and his wife, a sister of F. P. McNeil, survives him. The late Samuel Adams, of East Wheeling, and W. P. Adams, of the Island, were his brothers, and Capt. Charley Adams and Brook E. Adams, the plumber, are nephews. His friends have the sincerest sympathy of all who knew the deceased. The funeral will probably take place on Sunday.

St. Paul's Church Concert.

Westwood's hall was jammed last night, on the occasion of the concert and ball given by the congregation of St. Paul's German Evangelical church. Among the more prominent numbers on the programme were a piano duet, by Rev. Mr. Haas and Walter Nolte; two solos by Mr. Charles Zulauf; several choruses by the children's choir, and some splendid singing by the Mozart singing society, under the direction of Prof. Shockey. After the concert Mayer's orchestra furnished the music for the ball which kept up until a late hour.

The committee of arrangements was composed of Messrs. Albert Wuetrich, Henry Hildebrandt and August Doehre. The floor managers were Messrs. Henry Hildebrandt and Charles Geger.

The contest for a gold watch between Harry Brinkman and Albert Nolte had aroused a good deal of interest and netted \$1,028. Mr. Brinkman turned in \$649 75 and Mr. Nolte \$378 25.

Watch Meeting To-Night.

An interesting watch meeting will be held at the Young Men's Christian Association building to-night, beginning at 10 o'clock. There will be a change of topics and leaders every half hour. This will be a profitable and appropriate way for young men to spend the closing hours of the old year and to open the moments of the new. All are invited to attend.

Notes.

The Lady managers of the Home of Friendless Women will be glad to receive donations either in the form of provisions or money. Provisions may be left with Stolze Bros., grocers, Market street, or at the Home. Money may be sent to Mr. Joseph Bell, of the Logan Drug Company.

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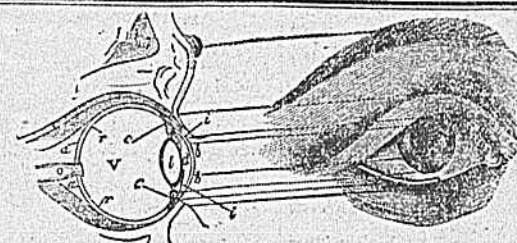
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